

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Revolutionary Love

Week 1: Known by Love

John 13:34-35

Week of October 17, 2021
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This weekend we kicked off a new study of the teachings of Jesus on love. We discovered that Jesus wants His followers to be known by love.

Kicking it off: Jeff compared our need of water to our need of love. How do you take your water? Tap, filtered, bottled-spring, bottled-purified, sparkling?

Discussion:

1. Our world is experiencing a love drought. How is the lack of love showing up in our culture?

2. Reread John 13:34:

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

In what way is this command “new?”

3. Reread John 13:4-5:

Jesus got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. He poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel.

Immediately before calling His disciples to love each other, Jesus modeled love by washing His disciple’s feet. In what ways was this demonstration of love extraordinary?

4. Who do you need to love better?

5. Reread John 13:35:

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Why does God want “everyone” to notice our love?

6. Reread John 15:12-13:

“This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you. The greatest love a person can show is to die for his friends.”

How is the cross synonymous with love?

Wrapping It Up: We cannot fulfill Christ’s command to love without the Lord’s help. Pray that God would give us His love for the people in our lives